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DIST 27 AUGUST 1968

COUNTRY: CZECHOSLOVAKIA / AUSTRIA / SOVIET BLOC

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SUBJECT: SITREP AS OF 0800 HOURS 27 AUGUST 1968

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AUSTRIAN RADIO NEWSCAST 1200 HOURS 27 AUGUST

1. FREE RADIO SOUTHERN MORAVIA REPORTED THAT THE NDP (NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, FAR-LEFT WEST GERMAN PARTY) HAD ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE BROADCASTER COMMENTED THIS WAS TO BE EXPECTED.

2. THE AUSTRIAN RAILROADS ANNOUNCED THAT THE VOLUME OF FREIGHT TRAFFIC BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS DECREASING NOTICEABLY.

AUSTRIAN RADIO NEWSCAST 1700 HOURS 27 AUGUST

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
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3. FREE RADIO SOUTHERN MORAVIA REPORTED THAT THE BRNO DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WAS FIRMLY AGAINST ANY COMPROMISE AS REGARDS THE OCCUPATION OF THE CSSR. FREE RADIO GOTTWALDOV EARLIER HAD TRANSMITTED A STATEMENT OF THE BRNO ORGANIZATION THAT THE COMMUNISTS OF THE DISTRICT OPPOSED SOVIET TROOPS REMAINING IN THE CSSR, THAT THE DECISIONS OF THE FOURTEENTH PARTY CONGRESS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN COMMUNIST PARTY MUST NOT BE RESCINDED AND THE NEWLY ELECTED CENTRAL COMMITTEE MUST BE RECOGNIZED. THE BRNO ORGANIZATION CONCLUDED WITH A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR DUBCEK AND THE REFORMERS AND SAID THAT COLLABORATORS AND TRAITORS MUST NOT BE ELECTED TO OFFICE.

4. AT NOON 27 AUGUST CZECH SOLDIERS DISTRIBUTED HANDBILLS IN PRAGUE WHICH EMPHASIZED THAT THE ARMY IS FIRMLY ON THE SIDE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE AND WILL NOT RECONCILE ITSELF TO OCCUPATION OF THE HOMELAND.

5. FREE RADIO DANUBE REQUESTED DELEGATES TO THE EXTRA-ORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY MEETING IN BRATISLAVA TO EXERCISE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE ELECTION OF NEW FUNCTIONARIES AND TO ACCEPT NO COMPROMISED NAMES, "AS HAD ALREADY OCCURRED IN THE ELECTION OF SOME COMMISSIONS".

6.  DISSEM: NONE. (ALSO SENT USUN.)

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